

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

2015 Public Programs & Special Exhibits



Can You Capture It?

Saturday, January 17

Saturday, June 20

Saturday, October 17

10:00am – 11:00am

Photography programs that FOCUS on nature. Discover outdoor photography techniques, share tips and tricks, and share your favorite photos! Bring your camera, extra batteries, and a sense of adventure! All skill levels welcome.

WI Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest Deadline

March 15

Calling all young artists in grades K-12! Put your art skills to the test by submitting renderings of waterfowl to Wisconsin's annual Federal Jr. Duck Stamp Contest. All Wisconsin students in public, private, and homeschool are eligible to complete.

Conservation Corner: Wetland Critters

Saturday, June 13

Saturday, June 20

Anytime between 1:00pm-2:00pm

Visitors of all ages are encouraged to stop in any time between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to visit with the naturalist for an afternoon of discovery. Learn about featured critters and where to view them!

Conservation Corner: Blooms and Butterflies

Saturday, July 11

Saturday, July 18

Anytime between 1:00pm-2:00pm

Visitors of all ages are encouraged to stop in any time between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to visit with the naturalist for an afternoon of discovery. Learn about featured critters and where to view them!

Conservation Corner: Raptors

Saturday, August 8

Saturday, August 15

Anytime between 1:00pm-2:00pm

Visitors of all ages are encouraged to stop in any time between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to visit with the naturalist for an afternoon of discovery. Learn about featured critters and where to view them!

Eco Explorers Day Camp

Session I : July 28 - 30

9:00am-3:00pm Daily

Session II: August 4 - 6

9:00am-3:00pm Daily

Students entering grades 1-6 are invited for three days of fun, exploration, and outdoor adventure in one of the wildest classrooms around! Youth will work with an experienced naturalist in fun-filled activities, providing opportunities to unplug and enjoy the great outdoors. Youth clustered by grades: 1-3 and 4-6. **Registration required**

Mentor and Me: Youth Duck Hunt Workshop

Saturday, August 29

9:00am – 2:00pm

Youth, ages 9-15, will prepare to hunt waterfowl in this 1 day workshop. Work with experienced hunters to learn ID skills, practice duck calling, decoy placement, and participate in an afternoon of trapshooting. **Registration with adult required.**

SPECIAL EXHIBIT **WI Jr. Duck Stamp Contest Exhibit**

February 21 – March 31

9:00am – 4:00pm

See youth artwork from the 2014 contest on display at the Visitor Center.

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Migration Madness

Spring: April - May

Fall: September- October

Dawn to Dusk

Watch for 230 bird species that use the Refuge during migration! Areas near the Visitor Center are hotspots for spring warblers and fall waterfowl.

Crane Viewing

March - November

Dawn to Dusk

Whooping cranes and sandhill cranes nest and rear their young on the Refuge. Stop at the Visitor Center for recent sightings and driving directions.

Karner Blue Butterflies

Late-May to Early-June

Late- July to Early-August

Dawn to Dusk

Hike the Visitor Center Trail or Lupine Loop in search of this tiny butterfly dependent on wild lupine. Stop at the Visitor Center for recent sightings and trail maps.

Activity Abounds

Year-Round

9:00am – 3:30pm

The following items can be checked out any time the Visitor Center is open: youth & adult snowshoes, binoculars, field guides, and activity backpacks.



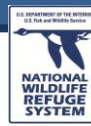
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Field Trips & Youth Programs



VISIT US!

Visitor Center Hours

Monday – Saturday

Year-Round

9:00am – 4:00pm

Closed Federal Holidays,
Christmas Eve, and New
Year's Eve.

Trails & Grounds

Year-Round

Dawn to Dusk

Trail maps are located at
informational kiosks
throughout the Refuge. For
more information, stop at the
Visitor Center.

Getting Here

The Visitor Center is located
off of Highway 21 four miles
west of Necedah or 18 miles
east of Tomah. Turn north
onto Headquarters Road and
follow signs two miles to the
Visitor Center.

*The listed events are free and
open to the public; some require
registration. All activities take
place at the Visitor Center.
Activities are subject to change.*

Plan a Field Trip

Bring your students on a field trip to the Refuge to discover and explore wildlife in its natural habitat anytime of the year. Naturalist led field trips are free, can accommodate up to 100 students and last approximately 4 hours. For availability and scheduling, contact the Education Coordinator at 608-565-4412. **Reservations required.** *Minimum capacity: 12 people.*

Youth Groups

The Visitor Center is a great resource for troops, packs, and youth organizations to conduct self-guided visits, work with a naturalist to complete badges, or participate in leadership roles and stewardship activities. Scout programs are free, can accommodate up to 20 scouts and last up to 3 hours. For availability and scheduling, contact the Education Coordinator at 608-565-4412. **Reservations required.** *Minimum capacity: 12 people.*

Organized Groups or Clubs

Explore the visitor center, schedule a guided hike, or join a naturalist for a lecture style program with your organized group or club. Programs are free, can accommodate up to 50 people and last up to 2 hours. For availability and scheduling, contact the Education Coordinator at 608-565-4412. **Reservations required.** *Minimum capacity: 12 people.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Join Our Team

Refuge volunteers are vital to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge mission. Volunteers contribute hundreds of hours each year to help meet this mission through monitoring bird populations, leading school groups, maintaining trails, taking photos, and greeting visitors at our Visitor Center. No special skills are needed to be a Refuge volunteer. If you have a desire to help, we need you. We hope you'll join us!

Stewardship Saturdays

April - October

Join our volunteer team and assist in a variety of stewardship activities including trail maintenance, invasive plant species removal, brush cutting, seeding, or planting. For availability and scheduling, contact the Education Coordinator at 608-565-4412. **Reservations required.**

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